

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1383 (Delegate Howard)

Commerce and Government Matters

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**Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics - Rights of Accused Legislator**

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This bill provides that in an investigation undertaken by the Joint Ethics Committee of a legislator who is accused of violating the Maryland Public Ethics Law, the committee must allow the accused legislator to: (1) examine any information in the possession of the committee that has a bearing on the investigation; (2) know the identity of the accuser; (3) cross-examine the accuser; and (4) call any witness to provide information of the legislator's behalf.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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